

## OPINION 1078

*ANAS PUNCTATA* BURCHELL, 1822 (AVES): SUPPRESSED  
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.

RULING. - (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *punctata* Burchell, 1822, as published in the binomen *Anas punctata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers indicated:

(a) *hottentota* Eyton, 1838, as published in the binomen *Querquedula hottentota* (Name Number 2600);

(b) *maccoa* Eyton, 1838, as published in the binomen *Erismatura maccoa* (Name Number 2601).

(3) The specific name *punctata* Burchell, 1822, as published in the binomen *Anas punctata*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers, in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1018.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 794

Dr. W.D.L. Ride (*President, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*) submitted the present application in which he reviewed the history of the case since it was first published in 1956 (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 12: 35-48) in an endeavour to stabilize the specific name of the Hottentot Teal. The present application was sent to the printer on 24 October 1973 and was published on 28 June 1974 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 30: 173-174. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin*, as well as the other serial publications prescribed in the Constitution, Article 12 (b), and to eleven ornithological serials.

Comments in favour of the application were received from the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Congress (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 32: 2-3) and from Dr. F.I. Norman (*Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia*). No adverse comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 22 September 1976 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper

(76)14 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 30: 174. At the close of the Voting Period on 22 December 1976, the state of the voting was as follows:-

Affirmative Votes - twenty-two (22), received in the following order:

Melville, Eisenmann, Holthuis, Vokes, Willink, Heppell, Lemche, Brinck, Rohdendorf, Tortonese, Habe, Ride, Mroczkowski, Bayer, Binder, Corliss, Sabrosky, Starobogatov, Welch, Nye, Kraus, Bernardi

Negative Vote - one (1): Dupuis.

A late affirmative vote was received from Alvarado.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their Voting Papers:

*Dr. Dupuis:* Il est profondément *anti-historique* de supprimer un nom et absolument *anti-zoologique* de supprimer le nom d'un taxon dont le type existe!

*Dr. Bernardi:* Le nom *punctata* cause de confusion mérite d'être supprimé tandis que désigner un néotype de *punctata* différent de l'holotype était, à mon avis, tout à fait aberrant.

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*hottentota*, *Querquedula*, Eyton, 1838, *Mon. Anatidae*: 129

*maccoa*, *Erismatura*, Eyton, 1838, *Mon. Anatidae*: 169

*punctata*, *Anas*, Burchell, 1822, *Trav. S. Afr.* vol. 1: 243

#### CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (76)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that Voting Paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1078.

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*19th February, 1977.*